



Congressman

SHERROD BROWN

WORKING FOR YOU

Summer 2004

Keeping Small Manufacturing Businesses Afloat

Small manufacturing businesses in Ohio and throughout the nation need help to stay afloat. Congress has yet to help. In June, the House passed a tax bill that offers billions to giant multinational corporations that export U.S. jobs, but offers nothing for many small businesses. Congressman Brown backed a bipartisan alternative that helps small businesses and uses tax incentives to reward companies that produce in the U.S. and employ Ameri-

can workers.

Brown has urged House leadership to reject the president's plans to cut the Manufacturing Extension Program, which helps manufacturers improve their efficiency and competitiveness. Despite Congressman Brown's efforts, a first-of-its-kind petition to hold China accountable for its abusive trade practices recently was rejected by U.S. trade officials. Brown supports reforming the out-

dated North American Free Trade Agreement model, which has cost the U.S. more than 500,000 jobs and cost Ohio more than 50,000.

Keeping in Touch

Congressional staff visit local communities each month to facilitate assistance to constituents.

The first Wednesday of the month

11:00 am to noon

Strongsville Senior Center

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Broadview Heights City Hall

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Brecksville Recreation Center

Second Wednesday of the month

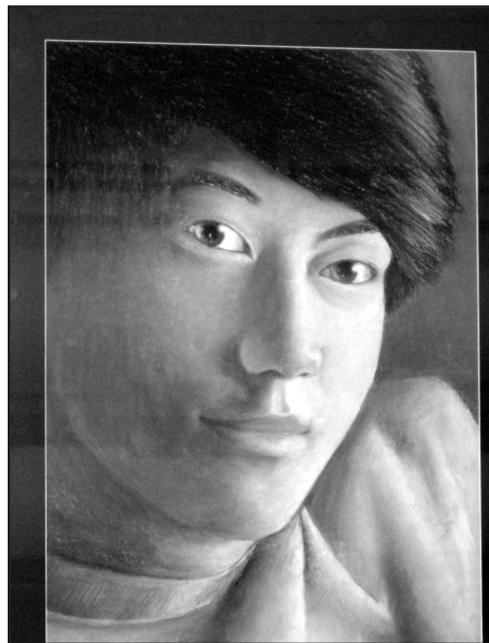
8:30 am to 9:30 am

Brunswick Recreation Center

Third Wednesday of the month

10:30 am to 11:45

Barberton Senior Center



Art Competition Winners

Congressman Brown announced the 2004 13th Congressional District Art Competition winners. The event, held on May 2 in North Royalton, drew more than 150 student-entries. The competition is part of a national event held in congressional districts throughout the nation each year.

This year's first and third place winners, Cheng Xiong and Kandis Proctor both attend Garfield High School in Akron under the tutelage of

art teacher Cheryl Phillips. Mr. Xiong, a senior at Garfield, took the grand prize with his entry at left, "Untitled," a self-portrait drawn with nu pastels. Xiong will have the winning entry displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building, in Washington D.C., for one year.

Miss Proctor, a junior at Garfield, and second place winner Betsy Williston from Revere High School in Richfield will have their entries showcased in Brown's Washington office.

Spring Storms Bring Local Assistance

Congressman Brown and his staff toured damaged areas of Cuyahoga Falls, Clinton, Barberton, North Royalton, and Strongsville. Brown spoke to city officials, property owners, and their families while taking a first-hand look at the devastation. From Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assessments to disaster declarations made by the governor and president, Brown sought immediate action from

state and federal governments. His office is helping local communities apply for FEMA assistance.

Brown also played a key role in expanding a Federal Army Corps of Engineer's flood study in the city of North Royalton. Constituents in the 13th district may call Congressman Brown's office at **1-800-234-6413** for assistance in receiving FEMA benefits.

See recent updates on my Website at:

www.house.gov/sherrodbrown

Education Essential for Successful Future

Congressman Brown spoke with participants of the Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. – YouthBuild Program to learn more about their challenges and achievements, and to emphasize the importance of education. Brown discussed his efforts to secure additional funding for programs that assist economically challenged young people, families, and minorities.

Congressman Brown talks about the importance of education with Summit County youths.



Medicare Forum

The new Medicare prescription drug law is confusing, and many Ohio seniors have questions about the new benefits. Congressman Brown is sponsoring informational forums throughout the 13th Congressional District. Each forum offers a Families USA video presentation by respected journalist Walter Cronkite, as well as presentations by health care experts. **Learn more about the Medicare law by visiting Congressman Brown's Website: www.house.gov/sherrodbrown.**

Homeland Security Update

Congressman Brown supported several measures designed to strengthen the homeland security infrastructure in Ohio and bring more resources to local first responders. He also fought to ensure that homeland security contracts do not go to companies incorporating overseas to avoid paying taxes in the U.S.

Brown voted in favor of an additional \$50 million for the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) program, which provides grants to local fire departments. Brown voted to prohibit homeland security contracts for corporations like Tyco, which evade paying U.S. taxes by incorporating its business in Bermuda.

"It is critical that Ohio's front line first responders have the resources they need, and that the work of protecting our homeland remain in American hands," said Brown. He voted in favor of the Homeland Security appropriations bill, which passed the House in June.

2004 Academy Nominees

U.S. Air Force Academy

Timothy J. Gaydosh

Avon Lake High School

U.S. Military Academy

Benjamin M. Smith

St. Ignatius High School

U.S. Naval Academy

Shawn Courtney McNeilly

St. Ignatius High School

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Rita D. Derner

Padua Franciscan High School

Brown Discusses Voter Registration with Hispanic Community

In April, Congressman Sherrod Brown joined members of the United Autoworkers Hispanic Council in Lorain County to discuss topics ranging from the right to vote and labor issues to Ohio's public policies and their effects on the Hispanic community. Brown stressed the importance of meeting the October 4 deadline to register to vote in the November 2 general election.

Congressman Brown Wants to Keep You Informed

Congressman Brown provides e-mail updates on key issues. If you would like to receive e-mail updates on any subject, please call, write, or email Congressman Brown at Sherrod@mail.house.gov. Some of the most requested update topics include: Seniors, Veterans, Medicare, Health, Trade, Energy, Education, Taxes, and Labor.



Voter Registration Application

Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)		This space for office use only.				
1	(Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV	
2	Home Address		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	State	Zip Code
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above			City/Town	State	Zip Code
4	Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year		5	Telephone Number (optional)	6	ID Number - (See Item 6 in the instructions for your state)
7	Choice of Party <small>(see item 7 in the instructions for your State)</small>		8	Race or Ethnic Group <small>(see item 8 in the instructions for your State)</small>		
9	I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a United States citizen <input type="checkbox"/> I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. <input type="checkbox"/> The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.				Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲ Date: _____ Month Day Year	

If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

B	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live. ■ Draw an X to show where you live. ■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark. 	NORTH ↑									
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If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

Voter Registration

Useful information when filling out your voter registration form:

Line 6 – ID NUMBER: In Ohio, it is necessary to supply your complete driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number. If neither is supplied, you must present one form of valid identification at your polling site; if not you will not be permitted to vote. The permitted forms of identification are a Photo ID (employment ID or driver's license), bank statement, check stub, utility bill or social security card.

Line 7 – CHOICE OF PARTY: Completing this section is optional.

Line 8 – RACE OR ETHNIC GROUP: Completing this section is optional.

Federal Election Commission Website Link: <http://www.fec.gov/votregis/pdf/nvra.pdf>

The link above will take you to the form and state-by-state instructions

Mail the completed form to:

Secretary of State of Ohio
Elections Division
180 East Broad Street
15th Floor
Columbus, OH 3215

Legislation Backed by Brown Advances in Congress

▲ HR 2898 – Improves coordination of Enhanced 911 deployment for first responders. Passed House

▲ HR 3550 – Provides funding for improvements to highways, transportation safety, and transit programs. Passed House

▲ HR 4175 – Increases disability compensation for veterans and survivors. Passed House

▲ HR 2998 – Corrects current law so wounded soldiers are not required to pay their own hospital bills. Passed House

▲ HR 3214 – Helps state and local law enforcement agencies improve their use of DNA evidence. Passed House

▲ S 741 – Gives consumers information to protect against dangerous food allergies. Passed Committee

▲ HR 2929 – Protects computer users from unwanted spyware programs. Passed Committee

▲ S 877 – Reduces the amount of unsolicited commercial e-mail. Enacted

▲ HR 3658 – Strengthens efforts to reduce the incidence of stroke and stroke-related disability. Passed House

▲ HR 1298 – Provides resources

and funding in the global efforts to combat AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Enacted

▲ H. Con. Res. 36 – Celebrates the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commends Abraham Lincoln. Passed House

EITC

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal tax benefit for low and moderate-income workers. Congressman Brown worked with the Lorain County Economic Opportunity Coalition, the City of Akron, Akron/Summit Community Action, and other local organizations to inform more than 700 people about the EITC. On average, participants received an EITC of almost \$1,700. In total, the effort put EITC benefits of almost \$1.2 million in the pockets of Northeast Ohio residents. Participants also received tax preparation help, saving a total of \$140,800 in tax preparation, electronic filing, and refund anticipation loan fees.

If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare taxes for the 2004 tax year, contact Michelle Bell, IRS Senior Tax Specialist, (216) 522-7077.



Congressman Brown speaks at an Akron event commemorating the first strikes that lead to nation-wide union organization.

Brown Joins Unions for Memorial Dedication

On May 29 Congressman Brown joined hundreds of people who gathered in downtown Akron at the John S. Knight Center to commemorate the location of the first sit-down strikes that led to the union organizing throughout the nation. Brown was flanked by city officials and former members of the United Rubber Workers Union that later merged with the United Steel Workers Union. The event included the unveiling of a historical bicentennial marker and garden as well as a solidarity walk.

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